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Embassy Abidjan recommends Mr. Souleymane Coulibaly to attend the USDA Biofuels Conference on August 20 - 27, 2007 in Minnesota. Coulibaly is a chemical engineer and currently the Chairman of SENBCI, the wood exporter's union in Cote d'Ivoire.

Mr. Coulibaly's focus is on agriculture and wood product conservation and processing. He is the premier expert on the Development of Ethanol/Gel Fuel as Cooking Energy in the West African Economic Monetary Union. He was invited by the African Union and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to participate in the first high-level workshop on biofuels held in Africa, in Addis Ababa, on May 17-18, 2007.

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